



## Save on Fuel

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You may be paying more for your gas and electricity supply than you need to. You could make savings of between £150-220 per year with the right tariff and supplier for your needs.

### **Making savings**

You may be able to make savings on the cost of your utilities by:

- switching suppliers
- paying by direct debit
- insulating your home
- buying energy efficient appliances including light bulbs
- switching off appliances at the switch and not leaving on standby

### **How do you choose a supplier?**

Choosing the right supplier for your needs can be difficult with all the jargon and variety of suppliers but it is easier than you may think. There is an easy way to compare what's on offer by using comparison websites or phoning suppliers.

1. **Phone around different suppliers to see what they would be able to offer you**
2. **Use internet comparison sites like [www.uswitch.com](http://www.uswitch.com)**
3. **Call Consumer Direct for a pricing fact-sheet**

All you need to do is give them simple details about how much you normally pay to your current supplier and how you choose to pay your bills. Comparison sites will then suggest other suppliers that may offer you a better deal.

Then, contact the supplier you want to change to and take a current meter reading for them

1. They will contact your current supplier and take care of the changeover
2. You don't need to talk to your current supplier

### **Priority Service Register (PSS)**

If you are disabled, elderly or chronically sick, you can register on your supplier's Priority Services Register to get access to a range of benefits and advice about your energy bills, metering and other help

Contact your supplier to check if you are on their PSS to have benefit from these enhanced benefits.

## Benefits

### Winter Fuel Payment

A Winter Fuel Payment is an annual payment to help people aged 60+ with the costs of keeping warm.

### Cold Weather Payment

You may be eligible for a Cold Weather Payment for each week of very cold weather in your area if you get Pension Credit or income-related Employment and Support Allowance.

Contact your pension centre or Jobcentre Plus if you think you should have received a Cold Weather Payment but you have not had one.

### Other sources of help

#### Home Heat helpline-0800 33 66 99

If you're worried about paying your heating bills or need some easy to understand advice on how to save energy then contact the Home Heat Helpline. They can advise you on benefits, grants for free home insulation, reduced tariffs and special payment options.

The Home Heat Helpline is open 9am-8pm Monday to Friday and 10am-2pm on Saturdays — and it's free.

#### WarmFront-0800 316 2805

Warm Front is a Government-funded initiative and the scheme aims to make homes warmer, healthier and more energy-efficient. The Warm Front Grant also provides a package of insulation and heating improvements up to the value of £2,700 (or £4,000 if oil central heating is recommended).

If you own your own home or rent it from a private landlord, you may be eligible for a grant under the Warm Front Scheme.

#### Benefit entitlement check-Eaga

To find out if you qualify for additional benefits please contact the Benefit Entitlement Check team on telephone: **0800 072 9006** or email: [bec@eaga.com](mailto:bec@eaga.com)

#### Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre-0800 512 012

Your local centre can advise you on energy efficient ideas

Helpful websites	Telephone
<a href="http://www.theenergyshop.com">www.theenergyshop.com</a>	0845 330 7247
<a href="http://www.moneysupermarket.com">www.moneysupermarket.com</a>	0845 345 5708
<a href="http://www.uswitch.com">www.uswitch.com</a>	0800 404 7908
<a href="http://www.ukpower.co.uk">www.ukpower.co.uk</a>	0845 009 1780
<a href="http://www.saveonyourbills.co.uk">www.saveonyourbills.co.uk</a>	0870 005 2095
<a href="http://www.energyhelpline.com">www.energyhelpline.com</a>	0800 074 0745
<a href="http://www.homeadvisoryservice.com">www.homeadvisoryservice.com</a>	0845 1800 300
<a href="http://www.energylinx.co.uk">www.energylinx.co.uk</a>	0845 2252 840
<a href="http://www.switchwithwhich.co.uk">www.switchwithwhich.co.uk</a>	0800 533 031



